# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

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STRIKES IN CGHS DISPENSARIES/GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the staff of CGHS Dispensaries and hospitals frequently go on strike as a result of which patients suffer;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of times strikes took place during last three years;

(c) if so, whether the Government have taken concrete steps to curb strike; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)to(d): The All India CGHS employees Association which represents the Group `C` and `D` employees in the CGHS havefrom time to time organised various programmes of agitation, demonstration and protest in support of their demands. The details of such programmes for the last three years is available at Annexure-`A`.

However, during last 3 years, there has been only a one day strike observed by the employees in various CGHSunits. The programmes of agitation including the strike resorted to by the CGHS employees are dealt with as per Govt. orders.

The staff of Central Government hospitals belonging to Group `C`and `D` (excluding nursing personnel) staged demonstration for three hours for three days each on 7th to 9th August, 2002 from 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon and for six hours for each on 20th and 21st August, 2002 from 6.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon. On a strike notice from the Joint Council of Health Employees forresorting to 24 hours strike from 6.00 a.m. on 5.9.2002 onwards and for 48 hours strike from 6.00 a.m. on 12.9.2002, the Hon`ble Delhi High Courthas passed an ex-parte ad-interim injunction from holding any strike, dharna, go slow and/or raising slogans within 100 meters of the outer wall of the hospital and/or from creating any hindrance in the ingress and egress of staff or patients or their companions or the vehicles of the patients and/or ambulances and/or emergency vans from and into the gates of the hospital.

It has been decided by the Government to deduct the salary of the hospital employees staging strikes on the principle of `No Work No Pay`.

ANNEXURE - `A`

STATEMENT SHOWING DETAILS OF PROGRAMMES OF AGITATION ORGANISED BY THE ALL INDIA CGHS EMPL( ASSOCIATION DURING 2000- 2002

| Sl. No. | Date | Time | Programme of Agitation |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 26.11.99 | 11.00AM to 2.00 PM | In front of Administrative Offices in throughout India. |
| 2. | 29.12.99 | Lunch Hour | Demonstration of Lady employees from all over India at Nirman Bhawan & Administrative Offices. |
| 3. | 16.6.2000 | | Day long Dharna in front of Nirman Bhawan, from all CGHS employees. |
| 4. | 21.8.2000 to 22.8.2000 | 1.30 PM to 1.30 PM | Dharna in all CGHS organizations & at Nirman Bhawan & to submit |

Memorandum to HFM.

5. 8.11.2000 to 10.11.2000 — 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM (50 Hours) — Hunger strike in front of Nirman Bhawan.
6. 10.11.2000 — 1.00 PM — Demonstration in front of Nirman Bhawan & all Administrative Offices.

7 8.8.2001 — Lunch Hour demonstration in front of Nirman Bhawan & all Admn.Offices.

8. 28.8.2001 — Day Long Dharna.

9. 28.9.2001 — Pay Bycott.
10. 11.10. 2001 — 9.00AM to 11.00AM — Dispensaries.
11.00 AM to 1.00PM — Demonstration in all Admn.Offices.
11. 19.11.2001 to 19.12.2001 — One day strike by rotation in various CGHS cities.
12. 10.2.2002 — Demonstration at residence of HFM at Patna
13. 21.2.2002 — Demonstration at residence of HFM at Delhi.
14. 19.6.2002 — Lunch Hour Demonstration in front of all Admn.Offices
15. 8.7.2002 to 12.7.2002. — One Hour Protest from 11 AM to 12 PM.
16. 26.6.2002 to 27.7.2002 — Two-hour demonstration from10AM to 12 PM
17. 5.8.2002 to 9.8.2002 — Three-hour demonstration in front of dispensaries from 9 AM to 12 PM and in front of Admn.Offices from 10 AM to 1 PM.